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CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK

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Parochial Vicar/Hospital Chaplain..... Rev. William N. Seifert

In Residence..... Rev. Kenneth A. Medve

Permanent Deacons Mr. John E. Quirk
Mr. Lawrence J. Lonergan

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 4:15 & 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekdays..... 6:30 and 8:00 am
Saturdays 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 pm *Wednesday* 7:30 to 8:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE

Phone 570-622-1802 *Email* dwalker.stpats@gmail.com
Fax 570-622-2593 *Web*..... www.stpatrickpottsville.org
Office Administrator Debbie Walker
Office Hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, weekdays
Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am, Mondays
Monthly Parish Events Calendar Deadline First day of prior month

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. Parents wishing Baptism for their children must be practicing Catholics. This means regular attendance at Mass, and supporting the Parish by the use of envelopes. Parents are required to attend a preparatory workshop. Workshops are held bi-monthly.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married must contact a parish priest at least six months prior to the desired date of the marriage.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PREP): Grades 1 - 8 • September thru May
Sundays after the 9:30 am Mass 10:45 am to noon
Director..... Mrs. Dale Verchick
Phone..... 570-516-0107 *Email*..... dcd2211@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered in our files. New parishioners are asked to register as soon as possible. When moving from the parish, notify the office. Please also report any address change.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PATRICK RECTORY: Please call Aleece at 570-449-7678 or Albert at 570-573-0036 for more information.

ROSARY AND NOVENA: 7:00 pm - Wednesdays in Our Lady's Chapel

COMMUNION CALLS are made monthly. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be put on the Communion Call list, or would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME VISITS: The patient or a member of the immediate family must notify the Parish Office of a patient's admission so a visit can be made. This is in compliance with the Federal HIPAA Law.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process in which adults join the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office if interested.

ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE: Certificates to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation are available at the Parish Office. You must be a member of the Parish in good standing to be given a certificate.

ST. PATRICK POTTSVILLE AREA KITCHEN: Please call Terry Alexander at 570-617-2957 for hours and donations.

St. Patrick's Preschool ...570-622-0106
at Assumption BVM
Director: Mrs. Sharon Rossi

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Principal: Mrs. Teresa Keating

Nativity BVM..... 570-622-8110
High School
Principal: Mrs. Lynn Sabol

St. Joseph's Center..... 570-622-4638
for Special Learning
Principal: Mr. Roobhenn Smith

Victim Assistance Coordinator
Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
DIRECT LINE: 800-791-9209

Safe Environment Coordinator
Sr. Meg Cole, SSJ, MS, LMFT
610-332-0442 (x19)

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THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD
January 8, 2017

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 a.m. Jean Marie O'Connor (Est)
8:00 a.m. Kathryn Kenney (Kenney Family)

Tuesday, January 10

6:30 a.m. Edward Devaney (Verna & Dave Petrozina)
8:00 a.m. Harry N. Piccioni (Louise & Bob Wachter)

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 a.m. James P. Maloney (Joseph D. McGraw & Family)
8:00 a.m. Martha F. Pascuzzo (Robert McCann)

Thursday, January 12

6:30 a.m. John "Jack" Callahan (Kay Coogan & Family)
8:00 a.m. Leona Taronis (Greg & Denise Rautzhan)

Friday, January 13 – St. Hilary, Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. Francis & Mary Moran (Marie Johnson)
8:00 a.m. John Fatula (The Coogan Family)

Saturday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Billy Hesse (Frances, Allen Johns)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Masses of Obligation)

Saturday, January 14

4:15 p.m. Eva Kubeyka (Ron & Joanne Mercuri & Family)
6:00 p.m. Rosemarie & Dick Schuettler (Family)

Sunday, January 15

7:30 a.m. Members enrolled in the Purgatorial Memorial Society
9:30 a.m. Kathleen Androschick (Ron Androschick)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

If you are a visitor to the Church of St. Patrick, we want you to know that you are most welcome, whether you come from another State or from another Parish. Please feel comfortable in our beautiful house of the Father. Thank you for worshiping with us!



READINGS FOR TODAY:

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- the sick of the parish
- our many Benefactors
- those recently deceased - Eugenia "Jenny" Bertucci, June Moran

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary –
Sacred Heart –
Pieta –
Pope St. John Paul II –
St. Patrick –
Our Lady's Chapel - Sanctuary –
Our Lady's Chapel – Blessed Virgin Mary –



Priest Mass Schedule for Jan. 14/15

4:15 pm – Msgr. O'Connor 7:30 am – Msgr. O'Connor
6 pm – Fr. Seifert 9:30 am – Fr. Seifert
11 am – Fr. Medve

Monsignor O'Connor, Fr. Seifert, Fr. Medve, Deacon Quirk, and Deacon Lonergan would like to thank everyone who remembered them this past Christmas! The cards, goodies, gifts, and treats were very much appreciated!

This past year, we have been learning some things about Traditions: The making of Advent Wreaths, Oplaki (Christmas Bread) Wafers, Blessing of Bambinelli, Shoes for St. Nicholas, to name a few. The Feast of the Epiphany inspires another tradition: The Blessing of Chalk. This weekend, Epiphany (January 7-8), please look for the basket in the back of Church containing Blessed Chalk with a description on how to use it. We are asking each family to take ONE pack of Blessed Chalk and to chalk the lintels of the front doors in their home with the pattern: "20 + C + M + B + 17". The numbers refer to the calendar year, the crosses stand for Christ, and the letters have a two-fold significance: C, M, and B are the initials for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar), and they are also an abbreviation of the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means, *May Christ bless this house*. This is a beautiful Scottish tradition. Let's pass this custom onto our children by showing them and teaching them the importance of our faith, engrossed in tradition.



THE PARISH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, AT 6 PM, IN THE PARISH CENTER. AS A NEW YEAR LOOMS, WHY NOT MAKE A RESOLUTION TO BE A PART OF A COMMITTEE THAT IS VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE PARISH? ALL ARE WELCOME!

LOTTERY CALENDAR - RECENT OUTCOMES

Tues., December 27	#471	Alice B. (\$50)
Wed., December 28	#114	Frosty (\$50)
Thurs., December 29	#300	No Winner
Fri., December 30	#589	Terry L. (\$50)
Sat., December 31	#033	Cathie M. (\$100)
Sun., January 1	#518	Dan D. (\$500)
Mon., January 2	#921	Nancy G. (\$50)

Our monthly lottery calendars are a great fundraiser for our Parish! Please consider being a seller, or buying one in the future by getting one at one of the masses or stopping by the Parish Office! They make great gifts that you can tuck in a Birthday or Get Well card. They can even cheer up the Winter Duldrams! We appreciate the support of everyone who helps to make this so successful!

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday!

Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Patrick's Rectory – For information, please call Aleece at 570-449-7678

OPEN HOLY HOURS

SUNDAY 12 am, 4 am; TUESDAY 2 am, 10 am;
FRIDAY 10 am, 6 pm; SATURDAY 12 pm, 7 pm

SCHOOL NEWS!

Assumption BVM School will have an Open House on Sunday, January 8, from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm. Please check out our Catholic Grade School!

Sunday, January 22, Nativity BVM will be hosting an Open House and registration for the 2017-2018 School year. School tours and presentations will begin at 1 pm. Members of the entire Nativity community will be available to answer questions. No pre-registration is required.

Nativity BVM High School will host the Diocesan Music Festival on Saturday, January 28, beginning at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend.

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is seeking a part-time teacher's assistant (29 hours weekly). Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent certificate required. Please apply via email at altssjc@ptd.net

Attention!!

A St. Joseph Sunday Missal was lost on Christmas Eve at the 4:15 pm Mass. It has great sentimental value! If you found it and have it, please call the Parish Office at 570-622-1802. Thank you!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 1, 2017
Stewardship: \$10,916

(The Christmas collection will be reported at a later date.)

Thank you for your generosity to your Parish!

Sacramental Dates!!

Please Mark your Calendars Now!!

- ***Sunday, March 5, 2017 - First Penance for our 2nd & 3rd Grade
- ***Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - Confirmation for our 8th Grade (Confirmation will be in St. Patrick Church)
- ***Saturday, May 6, 2017 - First Holy Communion for our 3rd Grade (Please note: This is NOT Mother's Day weekend!)

Mandated Reporter LIVE Training
January 9th - 5:30 pm
St. Jerome School, Tamaqua

If you work with any of our children* in our Parish and have not done this yet, please attend this training or do it online:
*Catholic Kids Camp, Scouts, PREP, etc.
Any questions, please call the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017!!

Church of St. Patrick Spring Gala Dinner Dance
at The Lodge at Sharp Mountain

Bishop Barres Farewell Mass: Before departing to become the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, Bishop Barres will celebrate a final Mass in the Diocese of Allentown on Sunday, January 22, at 12 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena (1825 West Turner Street, Allentown). All in the Diocese are welcome and invited to attend this Mass as we recognize and give thanks for the pastoral leadership of our fourth Shepherd. Let us pray together, as a Diocese, for Bishop Barres as he takes on the responsibility to lead and govern the people of Rockville Centre. Following Mass, a social will be held with light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center, directly below the Cathedral.



Dear St. Patrick Parishioners: We are so grateful for all of the beautiful Christmas presents. You certainly helped to make many families'

Christmases much brighter! Thank you so much for your generosity and many blessings. Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!
~ Care Net of Schuylkill County



Our Next Spaghetti Dinner is TODAY, Sunday, January 8TH!

Please note: Due to New Year's, the Super Bowl, and the St. Patrick Church Gala, our next three Spaghetti Dinners will be held on the second Sunday of the month, instead of the first Sunday. February's will be on the 12th, and March's will be on the 12th!

11:30 am to 2:30 pm -- In our Parish Center
Adults: \$8.00 - Children: \$3.50
All You Can Eat * Take-outs available
All are welcome!!

March for Life



January 27, 2017!!

Please call Susan Thye at 570-385-5924 for more information about riding on the bus. Pick up is in Pottsville at 7:15 am.

The cost is \$35 for the bus, and \$15 for the all day Metro Pass (Total \$50). Special price for teenagers and younger children. This is sponsored by Pennsylvanians for Human Life - Schuylkill/Carbon Chapter.

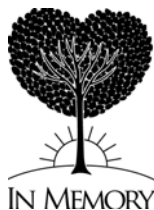
In memory of Mary V. Modesto

by: Yvonne Struzinsky; Helen Weiss;
Mothers Group: Lisa, Michelle, Lorna, Amie, Susan, Nancy, Pam, Karen, Cay;
Mary Jane & Kevin Hoke; Irene M. Conway;
The Lunch Bunch at Lengel: Amy, Alyssa, Gerry, Tina, Sam, Marcia, Jen, Kim, Karen;
Robert & Megan Heintzelman; The DHH Lengel Family;
John & Barbara DeCarlo & Family;
Lynn & Corby Cleveland; Marilyn Doyle;
Anthony & Karen Pilo; Parts Service, LLC;
David & Christine Ambrose;
Mary Ann & Russ Brady

In memory of Julia Brennan

by: Thomas Piccioni; Tom & Peggy Smith;
Clare Schneider; Robert E. Glaser

*Donations
to the
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St. Patrick Parish Appreciates!!

St. Patrick Parish greatly appreciates the Schlitzer Allen Pugh Funeral Home for their continued generosity of donating the yearly calendars! These beautifully illustrated calendars are always a good way for us to be "in the know" about our Faith, through the lovely artwork, scripture quotes, and the listing of saints' Feast days and other Church celebrations. If you didn't get a calendar yet, please stop by the Parish Office to pick one up!

**DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY,
WE SEND "BEST WISHES" TO:**



**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

Those who are celebrating "over 90"

Birthdays:

- 1/9 Angeline DeStefano (92 years)
- 1/12 John Thomas (91 years)
- 1/17 Johanne Fabiani (91 years)

- 1/23 Dr. Leonard Tananis (92 years)
- 1/25 Catherine Lynch (93 years)
- 1/29 Charles Phillips (94 years)



**JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

Those who are celebrating

"over 50" Wedding Anniversaries:

- 1/22 Joseph & Dorothy Conway (62 years)

- 1/27 Thomas & Mary Ann Heenan (55 years)
- 1/27 Frank & Rosemarie Turnitza (55 years)
- 1/28 Donald & Marie Hoak (61 years)
- 1/31 Deacon Jack & Jean Quirk (54 years)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OF OUR
VERY SPECIAL PARISHIONERS!!**

***DONNA LONERGAN FOR BEING ONE OF THE STUDENT PAINTERS WHO PAINTED THE HOLIDAY WINDOW AT**

CACL FINANCIAL!! CACL'S WINDOW WON THE CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE POTTSVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION! "HOLIPAYS" WAS THE SLOGAN! VERY CLEVER!



***JOHN SHOENER, WHO PLAYS THE TRUMPET IN PENN STATE'S MARCHING BAND, AND WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY PEOPLE TO BE A PART OF A HISTORICAL MOMENT BY PLAYING IN THE ROSE PARADE AND AT THE ROSE BOWL! EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A TOUGH LOSS FOR THE NITTANY LIONS, WE FELT A "WIN" BY WATCHING OUR JOHN PLAY!**

PREP NEWS!!!

Happy New Year! This year is an exciting one for those receiving their Sacraments. Our Parish family prays that in this New Year, 2017, our children get to experience Jesus in the most personal way and that they fall in love with Him over and over again.

Important upcoming dates to remember!
Sunday, February 26, 2017 (2pm- 5pm) First Penance and First Holy Communion Mandatory Retreat

Saturday, March 11, 2017- Mandatory Retreat for Confirmandi

Please contact Dale Verchick at 570-516-0107 for any changes in contact numbers so that we can contact you with PREP closures due to bad weather.

Tu Es Petrus: Upon this Rock

Our 7th Annual Parish Retreat!



What a blessing our Parish Retreat has been year after year, and we are so excited about another weekend of fellowship, fun, and growth in the Lord! This year again, the retreat will be held at the beautiful Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mount Pocono from **Friday, February 17 to Sunday, February 19, 2017**. Our theme this year is "Tu Es Petrus: Upon This Rock" as we reflect on St. Peter and the gift of the Papacy.

The price is \$155 for double or triple occupancy or \$180 for a single room, each with a private bathroom. The price includes Coach Bus transportation to and from the retreat center, five full meals, snacks and evening refreshments. Gathering together to seek God more fully, build relationships with the Parish family, and to simply let down your hair and relax- PRICELESS!

Please make your check for the full amount or at least \$50 payable to the Church of St. Patrick, and return it along with the registration information to Debbie in the Parish Office. You may also mail to:

**** St. Patrick Church ** 319 Mahantongo Street ** Pottsville, PA 17901 ****

We will mail you a confirmation letter containing all the details at least two weeks before the retreat. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Karen Powers at 570-628-4531, Charlie Taronis at 570-628-5297 or ask a Retreat Team member.

2017 Retreat Team Members

Msgr. O'Connor, Karen Powers, Charlie Taronis, Helen Weiss, Debbie Walker, Beth Travis, Brian Barket, John & Kim Sutter, Bill & Melody Montag, Larry Lonergan, Annette Peron, Shelly Lurwick, Mary Ann Heenan



Church of Saint Patrick Retreat- February 17-19, 2017 Registration Form

Upon This **ROCK**



Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____ Confirmation Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Preferred Roommate: _____

Emergency Contact & Number: _____

Circle choice: Double/Triple Occupancy (\$155/person) or Single Occupancy (\$180/person)

Deposit of \$50.00 is due at registration

***Please consider being a Bus Sponsor!!
We rely on donations to cover the cost of
Bus Transportation to our Parish Retreat.
If you are unable to come to the Retreat
this year, please consider making a donation.
Please contact Charlie Taronis at 570-628-5297
if you have further questions. Donations may be
dropped off at the Parish Office.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!***

During this New Year, why not give a gift to yourself or someone else?? A weekend get-away is a great idea to get away from the throes of Winter, and relax! The Retreat would be a PERFECT GIFT!! New Year! New You!

UNTRUTHS ABOUT RETREATS!

Some people say they don't want to go on Retreat because they will have to get up and talk....UNTRUE!

There are times when discussions do take place; however, the Retreat is Yours! You will not be put in a position where you feel uncomfortable or have to do something you do not want to do. The Retreat is an experience for you to get closer to Jesus....that's it! You have read testimonials from people who LOVE and WAIT FOR St. Patrick Retreats!

Don't miss out!

Let 2017 be the YEAR!!!

Got Questions? Ask Monsignor or a Retreat Team Member!

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